

Program Set For Miller Installation

With Rabbis Feuerlicht, Charry and Goldblatt on the program, Rabbi Aaron E. Miller will be installed as spiritual leader of the United Hebrew Congregation at ceremonies beginning at 8 p. m. Sunday at the Shul, Union street and Madison avenue.

Festivities will begin with a message of welcome by Jake Friedman, president of the congregation, who will introduce Rabbi Miller. The rabbi will then conduct a short service, assisted by the choir. Following the service, Rabbi Elias Charry, who will be chairman of the evening, will give a short talk.

He will be followed by Rabbi Feuerlicht, and later by Rabbi Goldblatt. The Rev. Howard J. Baumgartel of the Federated Churches of Indianapolis will then give a short talk followed by Meyer Gallin, superintendent of the Jewish Education Association. Talks by Louis J. Borinstein, Louis Barnett, M. Goldberg, Max Katz and Sam Zuckerman and Mrs. Samuel Davis, president of the Sisterhood, and other presidents of local organizations will conclude the program.

The Sisterhood will serve refreshments in the vestry rooms following the talks.

B'nai B'rith Bowling League To Resume
For Year This Sunday At Parkway Alleys

The initial bowling turnout for the season, at 9:45 a. m., Sunday, Sept. 15, at the Parkway Recreation Alleys, 34th and Illinois streets, has been announced by Jack Falk, chairman of the athletic committee of the B'nai B'rith.

The games are played in handicapped leagues which makes it possible for beginners as well as experienced players to join and enjoy the games, Mr. Falk said.

Bowling will continue every Sunday morning at the same time and place and all members who are interested are urged to attend and to bring their friends.

For further information call Jack Falk, LI. 7557.

Many Colleges Call
Youth of Indiana

An exodus from Indiana Jewish communities was being completed this week as Jewish students wended their way to various universities and colleges throughout the state and Middle West. A partial list includes:

Kokomo—Bob Nerenberg, Indiana, and Elinor Kopelov, Ohio State.

Anderson—June Spiegel, Betty Holland, Irving Glazer, Indiana U.; Bertram Glazer, Emily Goldberg and Jeanette Lipshutz, Purdue, and Elaine Glazer, Stephens College.

Lafayette—Barbara Loeb, Feiry Hall; Eleanor Segal, Wisconsin; Sarah Slesser, Purdue, and Jack Winkler, Indiana.

Marion—Annette Abel, Betty Sovesky, Sol Ganz, Richard Simons and Louis Fehr, Indiana; Audrey Sabol, Purdue, and Harold Witcoff, Northwestern.

Converse—Edgar Seigal, Indiana.

Terre Haute—Blanche Smith, Stanley Dorfman and Blanche Schmitz, Indiana; Loretta Schultz, Perry Hall; Ruth Maybecker, Carnegie Tech; Edna Ruth Schultz and Bobbie Cohen, Northwestern; Theresa Blumberg, Bennington; Rosalyn Shapiro, Illinois; Betty Ades, Monticello; Gerhard Nelson and Harold Katz, Harvard; Franklin Levin, Purdue, and Herbert Kaufman, Millersburg Military Academy.

AD BOOK GROUP MEETS

The Program Book Committee for the Junior Hadassah Yom Kippur night dance will meet at 8:00 p. m., Wednesday, Sept. 18, at the Shulbaum Center. An orchestra has been secured for the dance. Tickets are \$1.25 per couple.

B'nai B'rith Speaker



RABBI SAMUEL H. BARON

Lodge To Hear Talk
By Rabbi S. H. Baron

Rabbi Samuel Halevi Baron will address the Indianapolis Lodge of B'nai B'rith, at its opening meeting for members, wives and friends, at 8 p. m., Monday, Sept. 16, at Kirshbaum Center. His subject will be "Jewish Life in Britain."

Rabbi Baron was reared in this city, having been both confirmed and Bar Mitzvah at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation under Rabbi Feuerlicht. He graduated from Shortridge High School and attended Butler University. Rabbi Baron was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree "with distinction" at Indiana University, from which school he proceeded to the Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati, to prepare for the rabbinate. He has served as director of a B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation and has also

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Phi B. D. and S. A. M.
Take Thirty Pledges

SPECIAL
BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—Indiana University's two Jewish fraternities pledged a total of 30 boys to date, according to an announcement from the I. U. campus. This total is incomplete. Those pledged follow:

Phi Beta Delta: Sanford Rothschild, Melvin Unger, Abe Schuchman, Leo Klein, Stanley Werner, Sid Jaffee, Harold Rappaport, Sid Izsaks and Joe Rabin, all of Indianapolis; Bob Weiss and Bernard Roth, both of Gary; Ray Beller, Willimantic, Conn.; Maurice Pass, Helena, Arkansas; Phil Marder, Bayonne, N. J.; Harold Coleman, Trenton, N. J.; Allen Levy, South Bend; Jess Silberstein, Brooklyn; Ed Bell, Chicago; Bob Begner, Evansville, and Lou Sossin, Gary.

Sigma Alpha Mu: Nathan Adelman, Boston, Mass.; Jack Baach, Louisville; Irving Summerfield and Sid Cahn, Indianapolis; Jack Winkler, Lafayette; Harold Drebbin, Connersville, Sam Levi, East Chicago; Leonard Pryweller, South Bend; Bob Brownstein, Huntington, and Bob Raphael, Evansville.

UNVEILING

The dedication and unveiling of a tombstone for Mrs. Esther Finkelstein will take place at the Beth El cemetery at 2 p. m., Sunday, Sept. 22.

Psychology Survey Shows Many Jews Radical

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—Twenty-five per cent of Jews tend to be radicals—a larger proportion than among other religions, but a far smaller ratio than among non-religious persons—Professor Goodwin Watson of Teachers College, Columbia University, reported to the annual meeting of the America Psychological Association.

Professor Watson's conclusions were based on a study of 745 clients who were grouped according to religious belief and then asked a series of questions aimed at determining whether they held radical economic beliefs. The distribution of opinion is summarized in the following table:

| | Radical | Neutral | Conservative |
|------------------|---------|---------|--------------|
| Catholic | 7% | 55% | 38% |
| Protestant | 13% | 53% | 34% |

East Side Jewish Homes
Hardest Hit By Raids;
New Year Services Cut

By VICTOR M. BIENSTOCK

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON—They raised their weary heads along Whitechapel Road in the East End Monday morning to cheer ironically the spectacle of a shot down, wingless Nazi bomber transported by a lorry, then went back to the unending task of shifting mountains of debris and shattered glass, the result of a ten-hour downpour of bombs which devastated entire streets of London's ghetto, leaving hundreds homeless and without means of livelihood.

Hardly a single street, from the main thoroughfare to the mean back streets housing the poorest workers, escaped untouched. Every other side street was blocked by piles of rubble cascaded from wrecked houses, while a big section of the main thoroughfare was cordoned off because of the danger of falling walls and knee-high debris along both sides.

Throughout the entire district squads of workmen were clearing up wreckage and sweeping up the inch-deep layer of pulverized glass, while merchants and their assistants worked feverishly to restore their premises to "business as usual."

War Curbs Observance of High Holidays In Britain

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LONDON—Old men, mothers of little children and children should "for obvious reasons" not attend public religious services during the forthcoming High Holidays but should say their prayers at home is the advice given by Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz in a circular sent to the ministers and honorary officers of Jewish congregations throughout the United Kingdom.

There will be no sounding of the shofar at Neilah, the circular points out, because prayers must conclude before blackout, while the fast does not end until 5:54 p. m. in London. On the other hand, soundings of the shofar during New Year service should on no account be curtailed, the circular states.

Throughout the morning many families who had lost their homes or were forced to vacate because of the danger of falling walls were seen pushing perambulators and carts loaded with their belongings to new homes.

The ten-hour incessant bombing caused damage in the resident and commercial sections of the East End far exceeding what all other districts had previously suffered.

A thousand persons had a miraculous escape when a bomb hit an air-raid shelter.

Commenting on the East End bombing, Hannen Swaffer, noted commentator, declared in the London Daily Herald: "Jew and Gentile have never been so close. The differences Fascism tried to foster, Nazi bombs have destroyed."

Large Proportion of Dead Jewish

Many Jewish families were homeless and scores of Jewish merchants were ruined after Hitler's attacks. A considerable proportion of the air-raid casualties, estimated at 400 killed and more than 1,000 seriously wounded, were residents of London's largest Jewish district, in the East End, which received several high explosives and hundreds of incendiary bombs.

In one section of the Jewish district almost every other street has been roped off. Demolition squads were busy roping off weakened buildings and removing debris. Numerous Jewish families, carrying all the belongings they could salvage, trudged off in search of new shelter. Household possessions were piled near dwellings which were deemed unsafe, guarded by sad-eyed Jewish residents.

A tour of the district revealed an unforgettable scene. Possibly 500 incendiary bombs had been dropped at random into the district, (Continued on page 2)

J. E. A. To Operate
Kindergarten Again

The Jewish Educational Association announced this week that the Hebrew Kindergarten, operated at Beth-El Temple will reopen within the next two weeks.

The program will include regular kindergarten training plus a program of Jewish content, such as celebration of Jewish holidays. A competent teacher will be in charge of the kindergarten, and the most modern methods and equipment will be used.

Not more than twenty-five children will be accepted. Parents should call the J. E. A. office, LI. 2765, to register their children.

LONDON GHETTO GETS BRUNT OF AIR RAIDS

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many of which found their mark in poor working class homes and small shops, gutting them thoroughly and leaving only trembling brick walls surrounding heaps of rubble.

High explosives also were dropped in the district with amazing results. Walking up one street the J. T. A. correspondent passed a row of brick two-story houses which seemed to have escaped damage. The doors were firmly closed, the windows were not shattered and even a milk bottle placed on a doorstep remained. Turning the corner this correspondent saw that a bomb had completely pulverized the houses, except for the front walls which had become nothing more than screens for heaps of smoking debris.

In another street many houses were untouched except for one with its front blown out and the upper floors sagging crazily. One of the most pathetic sights was that of bearded traders fumbling dazedly among the rubble to salvage something from the small shops which represented their livelihood.

The residents were still exchanging experiences, recounting miraculous escapes. One heavy high-explosive bomb scored a direct hit on a shelter holding 1,000 persons, but casualties were fewer than a handful. A second bomb shattered a large shop on the main street of the district and dug a terrific crater just alongside a basement shelter in which there were 800 people who were untouched.

Shell Hits Near Jewish Hospital

A third fell in the soft earth of a park fifty yards from a large Jewish hospital. Oddly, though not a single window was undamaged in all the buildings within a hundred-yard range, the hospital itself was untouched. None of the persons sheltered in the hospital was injured, the only casualties being passersby who failed to take cover.

Everyone agrees that these people are standing up to the danger magnificently. Air-raid precaution officials and police of the district complain that their chief difficulty is in keeping the people in the shelters during a raid if nothing can be seen and heard in the immediate vicinity.

Their adaptation to new and abnormal conditions of life is remarkable. In some streets, residents, particularly the oldsters, go to the shelters at dusk with mattresses and bed clothes to spend the entire night. Neighbors have organized to take turns in keeping the shelters clean and habitable.

Even oldsters who do not know a word of English have caught onto the tricks. They do not wait for the sirens. As soon as they see the police instructing bus drivers to put out bus lights they trot home and warn their families to take their bed clothes and proceed to the shelter. A current joke describes the "well-furnished bedrooms for rent" in the public shelter.

One oldster in a shelter I visited during Friday's raid was busy reassuring his Jewish and non-Jewish neighbors in Yiddish that they really were in little danger, pointing out that Madrid had been bombed for two years but few persons were killed. The general attitude of the older Jews is that this bombing is just another method of Hitler's to afflict the persecuted Jews further.

I had to leave the shelter before the "all clear" sounded. One bearded old man tried to dissuade me. "If you have to die, you have to die, but why go looking for a bomb?" he asked.

I found all the workshops and factories of the district hard at work despite the raid warning.

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board of Marion County, Indiana, will at 9 a. m. on the 23rd day of September, 1940, at the Commissioner's Room, No. 35, Court-house, in the City of Indianapolis, in said County, begin investigation of the applications of the following named persons, requesting the issue to the applicants, at the locations hereinafter set-out, of the Alcoholic Beverage Permits of the classes hereinafter designated and will, at said time and place, receive information concerning the fitness of said applicants, and the propriety of issuing the permits applied for to such applicants at the premises named:

Nellie Arnold, 63215 (Arnold's Tavern), 2925 E. 10th St., Indianapolis; liquor, beer, wine retailer.
Dorothy Voight, 63129 (Ken-Mor Tavern), 112-14 W. Morris St., Indianapolis; beer, wine retailer.
Clair M. Benz, 63239 (Railroad Car Diner), 3701 Station St., Indianapolis; beer retailer.
William H. Graham, 63229 (Old Inn), 128 Bellefontaine St., Beech Grove; beer, wine retailer.
Harry J. Kempler, 63228 (Restaurant), 1825 College Ave., Indianapolis; liquor, beer, wine retailer.
Vincent Iozzo, 63226 (Garden of Italy), 32-34 S. Illinois St., Indianapolis; liquor, beer, wine retailer.
Helen K. Hussey, 63241 (Restaurant), 435 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis; beer, wine retailer.
Robert L. Gans, 63257 (transfer beer, wine retailer's permit from John L. Shafer, 651 Westfield Blvd., Indianapolis).
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Indianapolis; liquor, beer, wine retailer.
Said investigation will be open to the public, and public participation is requested.

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Smear Jewish Stores

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency
BATH, Me.—Police authorities were seeking to establish the identity of vandals who smeared paint on the store fronts and windows of eight Jewish-owned enterprises in this town early yesterday morning. It was the first demonstration of racial conflict recalled here. The belief prevailed in some quarters that the job was done by persons outside Bath. Similar vandalism was perpetrated in Lewiston a few weeks ago.

Palestine Gives Britain Six Planes

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency
JERUSALEM—Palestine's share in the Empire's air defense campaign, amounting to six Spitfire planes and £28,500, were turned over to High Commissioner Sir Harold A. MacMichael for transmission to Lord Beaverbrook, British Minister of Aircraft Production.

Defense of Palestine and Egypt is second only in importance to the defense of Britain, Major-General Philip Neame, General Officer in Command of British forces in Palestine, declared in a broadcast address.

General Neame emphasized that the Italians did not have much chance of success, even if they carried out their biggest offensive. Discussing the Middle East campaign, he stressed the belief that Suez and Palestine were secure.

Congratulating all sections of the

Second Volume of Jewish Encyclopedia Published; Has 656 Pages, 1,100 Articles

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—Dedicated to the memory of Felix M. Warburg, the second of ten volumes of the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, in English, was published this week, according to an announcement by Rabbi Isaac Landman, editor-in-chief, who is also director of the Academy for Adult Jewish Education. The remaining volumes are scheduled to appear at approximately three-month intervals, the entire set to be completed by the end of 1941.

Containing 656 pages, upward of 1,100 articles and 513 illustrations, Volume II embraces all of the letter B and part of C—from Beal through Canada. The illustrations of Volume II comprise a number of five-color reproductions, maps, charts and rare facsimile documents, in addition to black and white photographs.

The dedicatory inscription for Volume II cites "Felix M. Warburg, whose devotion to cultural pursuits was as universal as are the traditions and teachings of Judaism; whose vision and sense of reality gave initial impetus to the Universal Jewish Encyclopedia."

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Cardenas Denies Entry of Refugees

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency
MEXICO CITY—President Cardenas of Mexico has denied entrance to about 100 Jews who arrived at Vera Cruz aboard the ship Quanza. The refugees coming from Germany, France and Spain, said the Mexican consul at Lisbon had given them transit visas because they intended to go to Guatemala. The Guatemalan Government said it would refuse them admission.

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State Sisterhood Essay Contest Rules Given; Closes Oct. 1

The essay contest sponsored by the Indiana State Federation of Temple Sisterhoods for Jewish high school students on the subject, "My Responsibility Toward Jewish Survival," will close on Oct. 1, but all June graduates are eligible, regardless of Temple affiliation, it was announced this week. Entrants are urged to send their essays to the state essay chairman, Mrs. Isaac Born, 533 South Central Court, Indianapolis.

The essay shall not exceed 750 words and must be written legibly on school tablet paper or typed on standard sized typewriting paper. They will be judged for clearness, conciseness, sincerity and originality. The first prize will be \$15, and a silver trophy engraved with the name of the prize winner will be awarded for the year to the Temple Sisterhood located in the city in which the winner lives. The winning essay will also be presented to the convention of the Indiana State Federation of Temple Sisterhoods to be held at Evansville on Oct. 21 and 22, and will then be sent to the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

Second prize will be \$10, and

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WILLIAM H. HESSLER

three books will be awarded for the third, fourth and fifth prizes, respectively.

Information concerning the contest may be obtained from any member of the essay committee, composed of Mrs. Isaac Born, chairman; Mrs. Louis Wolf, Mrs. Harold Platt of Indianapolis; Mrs. Jacob Blumenthal, Gary, and Mrs. Isadore Bornstein, Fort Wayne.

Men's Club To Hear Foreign Editor, News Analyst Wednesday

With William H. Hessler, foreign news editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer as guest speaker, the Beth El Men's Club will open the year's activities at 8 p. m., Wednesday, at Beth El Temple. Mr. Hessler, who is foreign news analyst over Station WLW, will speak on "Europe's War and America's Security."

The meeting will open the Men's Club's eleventh season.

Also on the program are "Four Steps in Jibe," favorites over the local air waves, who will render several musical novelties.

New officers, headed by Leo Selig, president, will be installed. Others are: Louis L. Goldstein, first vice president; Hymman Grande, second vice president; William Napers, secretary, and Isadore Lovinger, treasurer. Included on the board of directors are: Joe Bernstein, Herman Chalfie, Sam Dobrowitz and Sam Hoffman.

A discussion will follow the talk. Refreshments will be served.

McWilliams Guilty, Faces Second Charge

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—Joseph E. McWilliams, organizer of the Christian Mobilizers and independent congressional candidate in Yorkville, was convicted by Magistrate Edgar Bromberger of disorderly conduct and abusive language against the Jews at a street meeting the night of July 12. He was paroled in custody of his attorney pending sentence on Sept. 18 in order not to interfere with his political campaign. He appears in Harlem Magistrate Court Sept. 13 to answer another disorderly conduct charge.

Tea Program Given By Jr. Hadassah

Miss Jean Joffe and Miss Ruth Rootstein will render piano and violin selections and Miss Theresa Leebowitz will sing at the Junior Hadassah Membership Tea, set for 2:30 p. m., Sunday, Sept. 22, at the home of Mrs. S. A. Silberman, 5131 N. Delaware. Also on the program is a short skit, "Why a Girl Joins Junior Hadassah," which will be given by Bess Rosenberg. Freda Cohen will say the opening

City Youth Groups Plan All-Day Conclave At Kirshbaum Center

An all day conclave including a symposium in the afternoon and a banquet and principal address at night has been set by the Indianapolis Jewish Youth Central Council for Sunday, Sept. 29, it was announced this week, by Florence Slutzky, president.

The affair will be held at Kirshbaum Center.

Subject for the symposium in the afternoon will be, "Jewish Youth In a Changing World." Speakers will be announced later.

Following the banquet the Pretenders Club will present a one-act play, "Murder at the De Soto."

Committee chairmen announced this week are Bernie Bloom, publicity; Sylvia Eckfman, speaker; Dorothy Forman, registration and Meyer Efrogmson, Speakers' Bureau.

Total cost for the affair will be \$1.25. Reservations may be made by calling Kirshbaum Center, Washash 2401.

prayer. Miss Ann Shapiro is in charge of the affair.

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Speaks on

BEARDS

IN OUR town there occurred recently the national convention of the Agudath Israel, the organization that has to do with preserving ultra-Orthodoxy.

Some of our people were embarrassed by the large number of rabbis with long coats and long beards who were going about town. Some of them wore the satin, padded coats and the wide fur-trimmed hats of the chassidic persuasion. There was special distress in our community because one of the daily papers printed the picture of a large group of these bearded rabbis—a veritable forest of beards, some thought.

It was asked: "What will people say when they look at this? Is such an exhibition good for us? No, it isn't good for us."

I confess that I myself don't like beards. So deeply did I feel on the matter of these beards, especially because of their implications when seen on Jewish faces, that I was on the point of issuing an appeal to the visiting clergy: "Reverend sirs, be so good as to remove your beards during your stay in our city. The non-Jewish public is against beards and you will do a great service to Israel in our city if you took yours off. Our Jewish people feel that beards are un-American."

Doubtless, the rabbis would have protested. Who was I to repeal an ordination that was established in the Torah? Beards, they would have told me, contain more or less sacred connotations. I should as soon invite them to mass in St. Peter's Cathedral as to ask them to remove their beards. It was the same kind of affront.

"But gentlemen," I would have argued, "a lot of our people feel dreadfully upset on account of your beards. They say your beards make for anti-Semitism. It is like an evil fruit growing out of your beards, you may say. Remember, gentlemen, Jews have given up much more than beards for the sake of Israel. Many in olden times gave up their lives. Can you not for Israel's sake sacrifice your beards for the period you are in our city?"

FINALLY the wisest one among them surely would have said: "All right then, Mr. Segal, I'll remove my beard. It's the least a man can do for afflicted Israel in your city. God will forgive me, knowing as He does, that I have done it for the happiness of Israel in your community. I shall go and submit myself to the barber. Lo! My entire countenance will be nakedly exposed to the sight of men and my beard will no longer give offense to any Jew or non-Jew."

"That's the idea, reverend sir! It's all a matter of being pleasing. We must please everybody and then everything will be all right with us."

"But, Mr. Segal, I must confess something. It's between you and me. That's understood, isn't it?"

"Yes, perfectly!"

"I shall tell you: I have a wart on my cheek! When my beard has been cut away this wart will be discovered."

"But rabbi! What's a wart? A lot of people have warts. A wart's nothing to worry about."

"Yes, my friend, but you don't understand! Mine is a Jewish wart! That makes a big difference. Millions of people have warts which are tolerated. But consider: Will they tolerate my

wart when it is exposed? Remember, it is a Jewish wart. The anti-Semites will say: 'He can't fool us. His Jewish beard is off but look at the Jewish wart on him. We are against Jewish warts the same as we are against Jewish beards.'

"So you see, my dear Mr. Segal, it would be a vain sacrifice of a beard. I should delight to do anything for the happiness of the Jewish people of your city, but what's the good if a Jewish beard is removed only to expose a Jewish wart?"

AFTER considering the matter in the light of this wisdom I decided to drop the idea of persuading the rabbis to take off their beards while in our city. I tolerated them the whole week they were in town. Through the unimpeded view that my own clean-shaven face offers my eyes, I could see that they had a unique idea.

It had to do with God and on account of Him they were having this meeting. There hadn't been any big meetings for God's sake. Jewish conventions have had to do more with Hitler and what to make of him and other anti-Semites. In Jewish life God hadn't been of late the old Comforter who healed the pain of the fathers. In some sections of Jewish life, as in a large area of non-Jewish life, God had become an antiquity foreign to a streamlined age.

But these bearded people had come to our city with the idea that God is ultimately of far greater importance in the affairs of the world than Hitler. Hitler was an evil phase; they weren't troubled as much about him as about the status of God in the world.

They were particularly distressed because people have been inquiring: "Where is God? This God of justice about whom we were taught? The God of mercy of whom it was written that he sustained the living with loving kindness and healed the sick and quickened the dead? Where is he?"

These questionings suggested that God was no longer in the hearts of many men and that the ancient faith no longer was a hot flame to keep their souls warm in adversity. If God was no longer in their hearts, then Hitler had won a great victory—greater than the conquest of France and Belgium, Holland, Norway and Denmark. He had caused men to lose their faith in God and to give their fearful reverence to the power of Stukas, tanks and bombs. Hitler had dethroned God.

And if God was not in the hearts of men, what became of compassion and justice, or righteousness and loving-kindness? These lights gone, Hitler will have wrought a complete devastation.

These meditations oppressed the souls of the rabbis who had come to our city to do something about restoring God. They knew Him well from old as the one to whom a thousand years were as a day. The current moment was but a wink of God's eye and the day's events were no more than an evil dream that passes in the darkness. In their eyes the only reality was the ever-living God.

If many Jews pointed scornfully at their beards these rabbis looked sadly at the hearts of Jews. I had to confess that what Jews have or do not have in their hearts is more important than the hair on their faces. This dazzling enlightenment helped me to tolerate the rabbis' beards all week.

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By PHINEAS BIRON

FROM FOREIGN PARTS

If Nazi bombers feel that they must do some damage in London, why don't they concentrate on 93 Chancery Lane, W. C. 2, the home of the militant "Christian Patriots," who publish anti-Semitic literature for distribution throughout the colonies of the British Empire? . . . Good news for the kiddies is the rumor that the Nazi occupation of Norway will cause a considerable shortage of cod liver oil this season. . . . The Berliner Illustrierte Zeitung has published an elaborate illustrated supplement, printed on excellent paper in fair English, for United States consumption. The pictures in that issue—which, incidentally, reach a new high in technical achievement—are designed to prove that the Germans are the world's most fearless fighters and make the most gentlemanly army of occupation of conquered lands in history. . . . The illness of Pinchas Rutenberg, which forced him to resign as head of the Jewish National Council of Palestine, comes at a most inopportune moment. He is one of the few personalities in the Jewish Homeland who could achieve unity among the too many political parties there.

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD

Jean Girardoux, head of the French Information Bureau while France was still at war, believed in Hitler's racial theories. . . . When the last French war cabinet discussed surrender and Georges Mandel, the only Jewish member of the ministry, insisted on fighting on, Jeon Ybarnegaray, who represented the Fascist

Croix de Feu jumped up and shrieked: "Of course YOU have special reasons to keep on fighting. Hitler would never make peace with YOU!" That was Mr. Ybarnegaray's revenge for Mandel's having thrown some of his Fascist colleagues into prison. Strange though it may seem, an isolated case of German humor does occasionally come out of France. There is, for example, a poster that's plastered all over the occupied territory with the caption, "We missed the bus because we used parachutes." The poster shows a German parachutist dangling on the Eiffel Tower.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

Some Jewish organization should check on the charge made by Arthur Settel in the Protestant Digest that there is in this country a group still actively circulating the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion." The head of the group is reported to be none other than W. J. Cameron, who holds the important and well-paid post of public relations counsel to Henry Ford. . . . The Nazi-loving papers here, which were all set to support Willkie, felt hit over the head when the Republican nominee disowned the support of the Bund element in

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By Jewish Telegraphic Agency
CHICAGO. — Pre-college guidance for prospective Jewish college students on the problems of financing, housing, job opportunities, fraternity-sorority membership, vocational choices, relations between Jew and non-Jew and behavior which they will face upon matriculation was launched as a new B'nai B'rith activity when Chicago Lodge and its two auxiliaries—Chicago Lodge's Women's Auxiliary and Chicago Business and Professional Women's Auxiliary—sponsored a rally at Anshe Emet Temple here.

BOARD TO MEET

A board meeting of the Joseph and Anna Borinstein Home for the Aged has been arranged for 9:30 a. m., Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Kirshbaum Center.

Beth El Registers
For Religious School

Registration of all children for the religious school at Beth El Temple will take place from 10 to 12 a. m., Sunday, Sept. 22, and Sunday, Sept. 29. School will begin the first week in October.

The pre-school kindergarten that met at the Temple last year will meet there this year. All children 4 to 6 years of age are eligible. For information call LI. 2765 or Ta. 6196.

Gimiles Chesod Plans
Installation Luncheon

Mrs. S. Bunes will be installed as president of the Gimiles Chesod Society at the opening luncheon meeting at 12:30 Monday, Sept. 16, at the Talmud Torah Building. Mrs. David Rosenberg will install the officers, including Mrs. Abe Alpert, first vice president; Mrs. I. Rothbard, second vice president; Mrs. Fred Schuchman, third vice president; Mrs. Harry Caplin, financial secretary; Mrs. Anna Rundberg, treasurer; Mrs. Saul Hoffman, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Sam Block, chairman of the board.

The opening prayer will be given by Mrs. Sam Levin. Mrs. I. Rothbard and Mrs. David Rosenberg are co-chairmen of the affair.

Kirshbaum Names Richard B. Kramer New Boys' Worker

Theodore Dann, president of the Jewish Community Center Association, operating Kirshbaum Center and the Communal Building, this week announced the appointment of Richard B. Kramer as director of men's and boys' activities at Kirshbaum Center.

Mr. Kramer comes to the Center with a background of extensive group work experience. In 1938-39 he was the boys' worker at Dodge Community House of Detroit, a settlement house, operated by the Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in a Polish Catholic neighborhood.

In 1939-40, Mr. Kramer was connected with the Jewish Community Center of Detroit, serving as director of Jewish youth community organization activities. He organized the "Youth Speaks" committee which sought to give young adults an opportunity to discuss their common problems. Mr. Kramer has been a counselor at Fresh Air Camp at Brighton, Mich., in 1939, and at Cewin Camps located at Port Jervis, New York, in 1940.

A graduate of Wayne University in 1938 with the degree, B.A. in economics, he was offered a fellowship grant by the Detroit Council of Social Agencies at the Wayne University School of Public Affairs and Social Work. He has the distinction of being the first graduate to complete the group work curriculum in two years. He was awarded the degree, Master of Social Work, in 1940. He also did graduate work at the University of Michigan specializing in community organization and its problems.

Mr. Kramer is a graduate of the High School of the United Hebrew Schools of Detroit and has taught Hebrew and Hebrew studies. He was formerly president of Wayne University Chapter of Avukah, the American Collegiate Zionist Federation, and at one time was president of the Young Poale-Zion Alliance of Detroit.

Mr. Kramer's activities at Kirshbaum will involve the development of a social activities program for young adults, the extension of clubs and club work among boys, supervision and institution of a leader training program, individual counseling for boys, and other administrative responsibilities.

Mrs. J. A. Goodman, Mrs. Burpee Lead Sale

Headed by Mrs. Jack A. Goodman as chairman and Mrs. Horstense Rauh Burpee as assistant chairman, approximately one hundred Indianapolis volunteer sales women will conduct the season ticket campaign for the 1940-1941 concert series by the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

The workers who met several days ago to receive instruction in campaign procedure, will formally open the season ticket drive at a luncheon to be given at 3:30 p. m. Monday, at the residence of Mrs. J. A. Goodman on Kessler Boulevard.

Among the volunteer staff are Mrs. Philip Adler Jr., Mrs. Joseph M. Block, Mrs. W. R. Borinstein, Mrs. L. L. Goodman, Mrs. Roger Kahn, Mrs. Leonard Solomon, Mrs. Sidney Stein, Mrs. Herman Strassman, Miss Mildred Falender, and Mrs. Rosalind Solomon.

PEARL BECKER RESIGNS

Miss Pearl Becker, a member of the teaching staff of the Jewish Educational Association for the past five years, resigned on Thursday, Sept. 12, to accept a position with the Jewish Academy of Far Rockaway, N. Y., as a teacher of Modern Hebrew.

J. E. A. Auxiliary Sets Meeting September 23

The auxiliary of the Jewish Educational Association has announced committee chairmen appointed by its president, Mrs. H. Chalfie, for the ensuing year. They are: Telephone, Mrs. L. Dushman, co-chairman, Mrs. S. Becker; hospitality, Mrs. Alex Rabin; joy cards, Mrs. H. Cohen, and publicity, Mrs. Irene Goldin.

The group will meet for the first time at a luncheon at 1 p. m., Monday, Sept. 23, at Beth El Temple. The affair will be under the supervision of Mrs. D. Dobrowitz, Mrs. M. Maurer, Mrs. Rosenberg and their committees. Rabbi Samuel Halevi Baron, formerly of Indianapolis, will be the principal speaker.

The luncheon will be 50 cents. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. R. Dushman, TA. 1875, or Mrs. S. Becker, RI. 5015.

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this country. In a quandary because, while they don't like Willkie any more, they still hate Mr. Roosevelt with all their might, one paper, after much sweating and deep thought, found the formula. It runs something like this: "We don't like what Willkie says, but we're sure that being of German stock he can't be quite as bad as Roosevelt."

SCREEN DEPARTMENT

We wish Walter Wanger would heed Sidney Skolsky's plea to remove from his picture "Foreign Correspondent" a sequence that spoils the whole film. We refer

to the glorification of a confessed fifth columnist, who, after having betrayed his country, is permitted to die a hero's death. When this happens the foreign correspondent is heard to say: "I don't care how he lived—he died like a hero." Such nonsense shouldn't be allowed even for the sake of a movie thrill. Would Mr. Hays permit such dialogue in reference to a gangster and a confessed murderer? . . . Hollywood is making a great many anti-Nazi films these days, but certain producers, still convinced that business comes first, are negotiating with the Nazis for permission to exhibit American pictures in Nazi-occupied lands.

THIS AND THAT

The original John D. Rockefeller was regarded as an eccentric because he distributed dime tips only, but the members of the Rothschild family went him one better when they arrived in this country, tipping only a nickel at a time in the classiest places. They changed their ways after embarrassed friends called their attention to the fact that American waiters don't buy their groceries with French currency. . . . Cinderella won't have a thing on the patrons of Ohrbach's department store, down on New York's Fourteenth street, pretty soon. Ohrbach's is planning to introduce an all-glass slipper—with a pyrex heel, if you want to know. . . . From Ohio comes word that a new ice cream is being featured in a number of little towns. It's advertised as a "Hitler Sundae—half nuts." . . . A lady of our acquaintance, who spent most of last winter knitting sweaters for French soldiers, was horrified the other day to receive a note from Germany, saying: "Der Fuehrer thanks you for your kind efforts in our behalf."

JEWISH NOTES

The formation of a Jewish "civil service" organization, which would include the employees of all important Jewish organizations and provide for them some sort of security in their jobs, is well under way. . . . Now that the

American Jewish Press Club seems to be on the road to being firmly established, it may not hurt to reveal that about ten years ago Joe Brainin incorporated the American Jewish Press Association for exactly the same purpose, but then decided that it was a premature undertaking. . . . The well-known artist Elias M. Grossman has made some fine reproductions of his splendid portrait of the late Vladimir Jabotinsky and is selling them at the cost price of ten dollars. You can order your copy from the Jabotinsky Portrait Committee at 1123 Broadway, New York.

ABOUT PEOPLE

It does one's heart good to know that Albert Basserman, the German actor, well on in his seventies, who fled Hitlerland because he couldn't stomach the Nazis, and who when he arrived in the United States couldn't speak a word of English, will soon be starred in his

own right by Hollywood. His performance as Professor Koch in "Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet" and as the Dutch statesman in "Foreign Correspondent" is considered tops. Don't be surprised if he gets the academy award for the best supporting role of the year. . . . It now seems definite, incidentally, that Luise Rainer is Hollywood-bound again, and we do wish her luck with her new picture. . . . A reader wants us to tell you that Morris E. Adelstein of Rapid City, S. D., is the president of the Northwestern Engineering Company, which has just completed two sections of the famous Pennsylvania Turnpike. . . . The Mexican painter Diego Rivera, who for a time was the late Leon Trotsky's host, isn't so sure that the Trotsky assassins haven't him on their list too. At least, they say that Rivera, who's now painting a mural in San Francisco, keeps a couple of pistols on the scaffolding beside him at all times.

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Lee Zuckerman Engaged To Illinois Man

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Zuckerman announce the engagement of their daughter Lee to Mr. Hy Bearman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Bearman of Waukegan, Ill. The wedding will take place in November.

BAR MITZVAH

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Marer, 3833 Guilford Ave., announces the bar mitzvah of their son Irwin, at 9:00 a. m., Saturday, Sept. 21, at Beth El Temple. Friends and relatives are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Blay are leaving tomorrow for South Bend, where they will visit Mrs. Blay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swedarski. Mrs. Blay will stay over the Rosh Hashonah holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Kline and daughter, Bernice, spent a few days in Chicago, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Beck and family, after spending about a month at Michiana Shores, Lake Michigan, have returned home.

Mrs. Emil Mantel is in Chicago with Dr. and Mrs. Morris Fishbein. Later she will be in Rochester, Minn., with her grandchild, Mrs. M. Feidell and Mrs. Mantel's great grandchild. Dr. Feidell is connected with the Mayo Clinic.

Miss Florence Blumberg of Chicago was the recent guest of her aunt, Mrs. L. Hyman.

Dr. Harry A. Jacobs, 3859 Washington boulevard, is on a tour of Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. He expects to return about Sept. 15.

Mrs. George Rubin is back at the Marott Hotel after a several months' stay in Los Angeles.

Miss Janet Polisner has returned to her home in Boston after a visit with her aunt, Mrs. Alex Levinson, 5338 Washington boulevard.

Mrs. Sidney Salinger and two sons are home after a summer with her sister, Mrs. Rozenberg in Kalamazoo, Mich. Her sister returned with her.

Misses Razanne and Marjorie Kahn have returned from seven weeks at Camp Delight.

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Berman are home after two weeks in Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Weinstein have returned from an eight-week tour through New York, New Jersey and other eastern states.

Mr. N. William Weinstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Weinstein, and Franklin Levin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Levin, are at Indiana University.

Dr. Walter Cohn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cohn, has been appointed resident pediatric physician at the Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia.

Indianapolis Date Clearance Bureau

- Sunday, Sept. 15**
8:00 p. m.—Beth El Gold Band Meeting—Beth El Temple.
- Monday, Sept. 16**
12:30 p. m.—Gimeles Chesod Luncheon Meeting—Talmud Torah Building.
8:00 p. m.—B'nai B'rith Meeting, Rabbi Baron, speaker—Kirshbaum.
8:15 p. m.—Zionist Board Meeting—Kirshbaum.
- Tuesday, Sept. 17**
9:30 a. m.—Joseph and Anna Borinstein Home for the Aged—Board Meeting—Kirshbaum.
Junior Council.
- Wednesday, Sept. 18**
8:00 p. m.—Junior Hadassah Ad Book Meeting—Kirshbaum.
- Sunday, Sept. 22**
Junior Hadassah Membership Tea—Mrs. Silverman's.
Junior Hadassah Yom Kippur Night Dance—Committee Meeting.
- Monday, Sept. 23**
1:00 p. m.—Jewish Educational Association Auxiliary Opening Luncheon Meeting—Beth-El.
- Sunday, Sept. 29**
Central Youth Council—All Day Convention.
- Wednesday, Oct. 2**
Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs.
- Tuesday, Oct. 8**
Hadassah Board Meeting—Kirshbaum.
- Saturday, Oct. 12**
Junior Hadassah Yom Kippur Night Dance.
Riley Room Claypool Hotel.
- Monday, Oct. 14**
12:30 p. m.—I. H. C. Sisterhood Opening Luncheon—Broadmoor.
12:30 p. m.—Beth El Sisterhood Opening Luncheon—Beth El.
- Tuesday, Oct. 15**
Card Party, Fashion Show, Junior Council—Lincoln Hotel.
Hadassah Opening Luncheon—Beth-El.
- Wednesday, Oct. 16**
8:00 p. m.—Kodimo Club Party—Indianapolis Power & Light Company.
- Monday, Oct. 21**
Gimeles Chesod Regular Meeting.
- Tuesday, Oct. 22**
8:00 p. m.—Temple Brotherhood Meeting—Temple Tenth and Delaware Sts.
- Wednesday, Oct. 23**
Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Sisterhood—Block's.
- Sunday and Monday, Nov. 2 and 3**
Mid-Eastern Convention—Council of Jewish Juniors.
- Wednesday, Nov. 6**
Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs.
- Tuesday, Nov. 12**
Hadassah Board Meeting—Kirshbaum.
- Monday, Nov. 18**
Gimeles Chesod Meeting.
- Wednesday, Nov. 20**
2:00 p. m.—Hadassah Meeting—Kirshbaum.
- Wednesday, Dec. 4**
12:30 p. m.—Hadassah Thrift Luncheon—Block's.
Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs.
- Tuesday, Dec. 10**
Hadassah Board Meeting.
- Monday, Dec. 16**
Gimeles Chesod Meeting.
- Wednesday, Dec. 18**
8:00 p. m.—Joint Junior and Senior Hadassah Business and Professional Group Meeting—Kirshbaum.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Pearlman, of Lafayette, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, Sept. 3. Mrs. Pearlman was formerly Miss Rozella Wild.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shapiro announce the birth of a daughter on Friday, Sept. 6, at the Methodist Hospital.

Mr. David Klor is recuperating at home after a three months' illness at St. Vincent's Hospital, and two weeks rest at Martinsville Sanitarium.

LODGE TO HEAR

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served on the B'nai B'rith Speakers' Bureau.

Rabbi Baron recently returned from Britain, after resigning his pulpit in Glasgow. His family, who were in France at the time, were unable to make arrangements to board the last United States liner from a French port and were left stranded near Paris when the German occupation took place.

Mrs. Aaron Glick and son Henry are in Michigan until hay fever season is over.

Pearl Leventhal, Ben Wides Pledge Troth

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Leventhal, 3548 Salem, announce the engagement of their daughter Pearl to Mr. Ben Wides, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wides. No wedding date has been set.

Seek \$15,000 For 500 Stranded Refugees

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—The American Friends of a Jewish Palestine has issued an appeal for \$15,000 to finance the voyage to Palestine of 500 Jewish refugees who arrived at the Bulgarian Danube port of Ruse after spending four months on the Danube. They left Bratislava, Slovakia, in April. The refugees face expulsion to Germany, the statement warned. The American Friends is appealing to the Rumanian Government to permit transit for the refugees and is also asking the Bulgarian Government and the American State Department to aid.

Mrs. Charles Hersh, formerly of Dayton, has come to Indianapolis to live with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Rosenberg, and family of 3720 North Pennsylvania.

Miss Carolyn Meyers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Meyers, is at Indiana University.

Notice

All news for the 56-page New Year edition, which will be published one week earlier than originally planned—Friday, Sept. 27, must be in the office of The Jewish Post by Wednesday noon, Sept. 18.

Zionist Board To Meet Monday at Kirshbaum

The first organization meeting for the board of directors of the Indianapolis Zionist District will take place at 8 p. m. Monday, Sept. 16 in Kirshbaum Center. The new membership drive, a report of the work of the national organization committee, preparation of a program for the opening meeting in October, and consideration of Zionist problems arising out of the war, will be discussed, it was said.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Selig spent Labor Day in Chicago.

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The Reconstructionist Viewpoint
The Decline of Jewish Religion
By RABBI EUGENE KOHN
Managing Editor The Reconstructionist
THE Jews have a special genius for religion. How often have we heard that said! But is it true? On the basis of history, one might prepare a good case for the affirmative. In ancient times, Jewish influence changed the entire religious outlook of the western world; Jewish scriptures were adopted as its sacred literature. In the Middle Ages, Jewish religion maintained itself in the face of persecution, and a multitude of Jewish martyrs bore testimony to the hold of religion on the Jewish spirit.
But, if we look to the present instead of the past, what do we find? Empty synagogues; homes with hardly a trace of Jewish observance; community leadership in the hands of people who command prestige by reason of wealth or secular achievement, but not by reason of saintly character or piety; a renaissance of Jewish literature in Hebrew, Yiddish and other languages spoke by Jews, but hardly a new prayer, a new hymn, a new expression of religious experience worthy of being treasured by posterity. Talmud Torah, or religious education, at one time the major preoccupation of cultured Jews throughout their life, has been reduced to a perfunctory preparation of children for bar mizvah or confirmation. We have ceased to be shocked when we read about Jewish gunmen and racketeers, or when Jewish showmen "give the public what it wants" in filth and obscenity. On the basis of modern experience exclusively, one might make out quite a case for the proposition that the Jews have a genius for irreligion.
How can we explain this radical change in the character of Jewish life? Can we ascribe it to racial degeneration? No. For we could not then account for the great number of modern Jews who have shown idealism and devotion to the things of the spirit in art, science and ethical endeavor, though not to Jewish religion.
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Why and How Jewish Religion Declined
IT IS strange but true and significant that the decline in Jewish religion dates from the time that Jews adopted, in great numbers, the theory that Judaism was a religion, and nothing else. As long as Jews regarded themselves as a distinct people with secular as well as religious interests, Jewish religion flourished. But no sooner did they define Judaism as solely a religion, than Jewish religion deteriorated. In the ages when the Jewish people was religiously most creative, the Hebrew language that they spoke lacked even a word for religion; today, for great numbers of Jews, Jewish religion has become merely a word.
What led Jews to make the mistake of limiting Judaism to Jewish religion was their desire to be recognized as equal citizens in the new national states that were rising after the downfall of feudalism. Jewish nationality was a bar to such recognition, but not Jewish religion, for the new theories of nationalism were tolerant of religious differences.
The theory that Judaism was synonymous with Jewish religion soon took on two different forms. One of these came to be known as Reform Judaism. Reform held that only the universal truths of Jewish religion mattered. These were its essence, and whatever was not essential must be discarded. Its advocates therefore proceeded to strip Judaism of all its forms, particularly of all its secular-national characteristics, such as land, language and law. Physicians maintain that it is possible for a man to live with only one lung and one kidney, with no stomach and no arms or legs. The effort to reduce Judaism to its essentials proved an operation that left it just such a helpless torso as that. Today, most leaders in Reform Judaism realize the need for more affirmative attitude to Jewish traditional forms and institutions, but unfortunately it is easier to destroy than to reconstruct.
The other form of the religionist theory was Orthodoxy. Instead of eliminating the secular elements of Jewish civilization altogether, Orthodoxy tried to make their retention a religious obligation. It regarded Jewish civilization as a way of life which was divinely revealed, and hence not to be amended by men. This tended to petrify Jewish civilization. But conditions compelled changes in the mode of life of Jews. The result has been that the authority of the traditional codes has been affirmed in theory but repudiated in practice by most Jews who call themselves Orthodox, a discrepancy disastrous to the religious spirit.
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A Jewish Civilization Must Precede
RELIGION cannot play an important part in Jewish life unless there is a Jewish life in which it can play a part. A man's religion is of little use to him unless his personality includes other elements besides religion—habits of eating, drinking and sleeping, of work, rest and play, as well as of worship and religious meditation. Similarly, a civilization, which is the personality of a people, must include secular as well as religious elements—an economy, a social structure, a language, law and culture in all its forms. But neither the personality of the individual nor the civilization of a people can dispense with religion. A man cannot live a truly human life without feeling that his individual existence is not all that matters to him, that his personal life is worthless even to himself unless he shares in a larger life that involves his fellow men and his relations to them. Similarly, a people that has at-

The Reconstructionist Viewpoint

The Decline of Jewish Religion

By RABBI EUGENE KOHN

Managing Editor The Reconstructionist

Zionist Leaders Here Flay Italian Raiders For Tel Aviv Attack

Local Zionist leaders, following news of the raids on Tel Aviv, which killed 112 and injured more than 150 this week, branded the Italian air force as wanton murderers in statements prepared for The Jewish Post.

"Mussolini, socialist of yesterday, apparently does not wish to be outdone in inhumanities by his master henchman and axis partner," Daniel Frisch, member of the executive committee of the Zionist Organization of America, and president of the Ohio Valley Zionist District, said.

"While his partner in rape is murdering people in London, he does his part in Tel Aviv," Mr. Frisch continued. "The reaction of the Jewish people will be, I am sure, grim determination, that 'we shall not die' and Zionism shall ultimately be as be it will the crowning glory of Jewish redemption."

Rabbi Elias Charry, president of the Indianapolis Zionist District, pointed out that Tel Aviv had no defense and was an undefended city. "Can there be any surprise," Rabbi Charry said, "or even shock at the latest news of the bombing of Tel Aviv, an undefended city of no military value? He who is surprised has just been blind to the barbaric mentality of the slaves who fight the battles of a slave state."

Rabbi Charry continued: "Was it not the honored son of Mussolini who coined that diabolical description of a bomb falling on massed civilians in Ethiopia—'It was like a rose opening up.' To add that the Italians are cowards is merely to utter a truism. The latest display of cowardice was the Tel Aviv bombing. The city was built without means of defense. It was to have been a city of peace, 'the Hill of Spring,' a monument to humanitarianism, a symbol of the haven of rest for the persecuted Jew the world over."

"The blood bath that has been visited on Palestine in the past weeks will have only one effect. It will convince Arab and Jew of their deep kinship and their mutual task of destroying the enemy and then rebuilding again in amity. The bombings will not be an unmixed curse."

Meyer Gallin, superintendent of the Jewish Education Association, declared modern Rome will disappear like ancient Rome. He said: "Another attack of Rome against Jerusalem. Jews will emerge more determined than ever to continue the rebuilding of Palestine, in spite of characteristic Hitler-Mussolini cowardly atrocities. We saw ancient Rome go down and will see modern Roman dictators and their cohorts disappear."

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Kraft and daughter Mildred spent the week end in Chicago, where they attended the wedding of Miss Dorothy Magid to Mr. Oscar Rosenberg, of Valparaiso, Ind. Miss Kraft was a bridesmaid at the wedding.

Birkhead Says Seven Candidates Like Nazis

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—As a part of a nationwide fifth column effort, seven pro-Nazis will seek high public office in the forthcoming election on a platform advocating appeasement of Hitler and opposing national defense, L. M. Birkhead, director of the Friends of Democracy, Inc., charged in a memorandum to the Federal Bureau of Investigation urging an emergency probe of their political supporters.

The candidates named are Joseph E. McWilliams, Congressional candidate in the 18th Congressional District, New York; Kenneth A. Brown, seeking election to the House from the 1st Congressional District, Oregon; Harold A. Sparling, candidate from the 17th Congressional District, California; Louis B. Ward, candidate for Senate from Michigan; Dr. George H.

New French Envoy Denies Anti-Semitism, Alibis Change In Law

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency
NEW YORK—Gaston Henri-Haye, new ambassador of the Petain French Government to the United States, arriving at LaGuardia airport on the Yankee Clipper, said, in response to questions, that "there is no anti-Semitism in France."

Asked about the abrogation of the law forbidding racial agitation, the ambassador said the measure was cancelled because it gave special privileges to the Jews, and now every group was on the same level. Ten members of an organization called Hi-Timers, headed by Henry Hoke, editor of the Direct Mail Reporter, picketed the airport with signs accusing the new ambassador of being a Nazi.

Derry, candidate for the House from the 15th Congressional District, Michigan, and T. W. Hughes, Los Angeles, California. Birkhead also mentioned George Deatherage, St. Albans, West Virginia, who announced that he would run for Congress as an independent candidate of the American Destiny Party.

tained to a mature civilization finds that its own survival is not enough to make worth while the sacrifices that its preservation calls for. It must have some faith with regard to its place in the world, some vision of what as a nation it is worth striving for, some sense of its own destiny and the destiny of mankind in which it is involved. It must have confidence in the possibility of realizing its ideals in the reality of a Power both in it and beyond it which makes men seek worthwhile aims and helps men attain them; it must have, in other words, faith in God. Jewish religion is the expression of faith in a Power that makes human life in general, and Jewish life in particular, worth living. But that faith can express itself only by serving God with all the resources to be found in Jewish civilization. So conceived, Jewish religion can be revived, and can serve the whole of Jewish life.

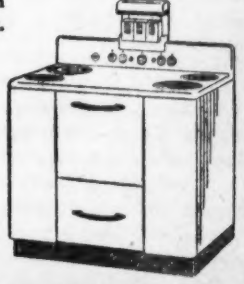
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HEBREW CALENDAR

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Yom Kippur.....Oct. 12
First Day of Succoth.....Oct. 17
Hoshanah Rabbah.....Oct. 23
Shmini Atzereth.....Oct. 24
Simchas Torah.....Oct. 25
First Day of Chanukah...Dec. 25
Fast of Tebeth.....Jan. 9
Fast of Esther.....March 12

The Editor's Chair,

For years I have heard of the excellent Jewish education system in Minneapolis, but it was only with the resignation last week of Dr. George J. Gordon, director of the Minneapolis Talmud Torah, that the reason for this high standard of Jewish education was explained. And the explaining is in the character of Dr. Gordon.

In an article in The American Jewish World, a short summary of Dr. Gordon's life is given. It seems that Dr. Gordon was one of the most successful physicians in Minneapolis when in 1928 he took over active administration of the Talmud Torah. He had been chairman of the Talmud Torah's education committee from 1896 to 1928.

George Gordon arrived in New York from Lithuania in 1892 at the age of eighteen. He worked first in a paper box factory, then peddled picture frames through the Shenandoah Valley, and finally in 1893 wandered west to Minnesota, where he turned to Hebrew instruction.

The story is well told in The American Jewish World and I quote from it verbatim:

"He entered North high school—the old Logan—and after two years had enough credits to enter medical school. It was Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, one of the oldest institutions in the country.

"In 1900 he was graduated from medical school. The course then had been lengthened to four years. He returned to Minneapolis in July, 1900, and 'hung out the shingle' at 1311 Washington avenue north. He was a general family physician. 'Leading the stork' was one of his major duties. In course of time obstetrics became his specialty. There are some 3,300 folks—some not so young now—who got their 'first slap on the back' from Dr. Gordon's left hand.

"He continued the practice of medicine until 1928. His entry into the Talmud Torah administration was a case of converting an avocation to a vocation. The Talmud Torah had been his hobby for nearly 35 years. With an interruption of four years, when he was absent from Minneapolis, he had been chairman of the Talmud Torah's

(Continued in last Column)

Why A Defensive Fight?

THE subject of the all-day conclave arranged by the Indianapolis Jewish Youth Central Council, "Jewish Youth in a Changing World," would have been as appropriate in almost any year, in almost any month since the French revolution to any young Jewish group almost anywhere in the world.

For Jewish youth the world is constantly changing, just as it changes for youth of all shades. But the overtones and the conflicts and the different meanings that this change has for Jewish youth involves the problem so confusingly that only the broadest concepts apply.

The broadest concept that might apply is cour-

age That this is a virtue desirable at all times, even in a static world, does not detract from the necessity for emphasis at this time. Jewish youth will have to fight from now on for every goal it hopes to attain, and there is no reason why as in the case of the present Jewish adult group this fight need be a defensive one. If Jewish youth can agree upon the type of world and the values in that world that it needs in order to live a full and free life, then there is no reason why it has to wait until these values and these concepts are attacked before it takes action. It can fight now to assure itself that the world it will live in will be the world it has tried to shape even though unsuccessfully.

New Rabbi Help To Community

INSTALLATION this Sunday of Rabbi Aaron E. Miller as spiritual leader of the United Hebrew Congregation brings to another important city congregation the intelligent leadership and drive that only a rabbi can impart. As active and as willing as the membership of a congregation may

be, it is difficult to fulfill the functions required of a shul without a guiding head.

In Rabbi Miller the United Hebrew Congregation and the Jewish community of Indianapolis have acquired a diligent scholar and an untiring worker. He is assured the cooperation of every agency in the Jewish community.

Long Way Around

THE results of a survey among religious groups to determine by psychological tests the degree of open-mindedness to change seems to show much less than the professor claims for his tests. In addition, the choice of the word radical is in extremely bad taste, especially right now. Under the terms of this test, the businessman who first placed an elevator in his department store would be classed as a radical.

But why the psychological test at all? If the professor wanted to check the degrees in which

the religious groups differ in the change factor, he could come right out and ask the students what they thought about socialism or democracy or communism or conservatism. It seems that those tested would be frank enough to answer such questions honestly, and certainly the results would tally much more closely with actual fact than the roundabout method of psychological testing.

Then too, had another word but "radical" had been used; why wouldn't the receptivity to change of the Jew have been a praiseworthy trait.

Current Comment

Chance to Reply Should Be Given Jews by Daily Press, B'nai B'rith Magazine Says—From a number of B'nai B'rith members we have heard protests against recent publications in the daily press and news broadcasts on the radio. These had to do with the Nazi declaration that a Hitler peace will mean that Jews must get out of all Europe.

We are asked: "Doesn't this sort of publication unwittingly further Hitler propaganda in the free press of America? Doesn't it serve to ally with Hitler certain American minds that are already hostile to Jews? Is this good in a time when America is arming itself physically and spiritually to resist the Nazi advance over the world?"

We, too, have felt troubled by this. Yet we wonder how a free press may avoid printing what obviously is news. A declaration that all Jews would be driven out of Europe certainly is news when it appears in an official Nazi paper. No American desires any suppression of news in a free press.

But, it seems to us, there is an antidote for the poison of propaganda that has to be printed when it is in the nature of authentic news. Were we a newspaper editor, or the manager of one of the news distributing agencies, we would accompany such news with statements of responsible Jews.

In fact, it has always been the practice of newspapers to give an individual who is publicly defamed a chance to reply side by side with the defamatory piece. Is it any less defamatory when a people is defamed by the implications of a declaration that they are to be made to clear out?

Make Jewishness Matter of Pride, American Association for Jewish Education Urges in Education Month Message—Jewish parents of America! Give your children an education in the faith and traditions of their fathers! Endow them with ideals that will enrich and discipline their lives in prosperity, and provide them with a source of strength in adversity. What greater boon can you confer upon your children, especially in this grave hour?

Does it now seem a grievous burden to our young to be known as Jews? Jewish education will make their Jewishness a possession of pride

and glory. Do the slanderers of our people try to make it appear that Judaism is a badge of shame? Jewish education will make it what it is: a badge of honor! Shall Jewish parents spend their lives gathering an inheritance of material things for their children—things which the hurricanes of hate may sweep away—and fail to bequeath to them the most precious heritage of all—an ideal and a spiritual discipline?

In every Jewish community in America there are Jewish schools where your children may obtain the instruction and guidance needed to supplement and complete their public school education. Take your children to these schools now, when they are opening their doors for the new school term. Let them come into the heritage which it is their right to receive and your duty to transmit.

Take Care of Talmud Torah First Before Forming a Parochial School, The Jewish Ledger of Hartford, Conn., Warns—Recently we carried an item on our front page announcing that efforts were being made once again in Hartford to start a Jewish parochial school. The position of The Jewish Ledger in this matter may be briefly summarized in this way. If any Jews in Hartford desire of their own accord and with their own means to establish any kind of a school, they have a right as free American citizens to create that kind of a school, in the same way as others of our fellow citizens establish private schools of one kind or another. But, if it is intended to create such an institution and then to expect the Jewish community to pay for it whilst the proponents themselves have neither the means nor the will to pay for it, we advise them to be exceedingly cautious.

The fact of the matter is that the Jews of Hartford have not supported their Talmud Torahs and are not doing it adequately now. They are not supporting their synagogues as they could and should. They have not provided a recreational center for their young people. And any attempt to create new institutions to saddle on to the community and to expect others to pay for such fads as they may wish to indulge themselves, is a mark of irresponsibility and lack of realism.

Indiana Weekly Hits Jewish Hotel Owners

SPECIAL GREENWOOD, Ind.—The Greenwood News, excellent weekly publication here, this week, in the column by its editor, Herbert Harris, reports on the hotel situation in Miami Beach, Fla., taking a sweeping poke at the Jews and claiming "the Jews are taking over" most of the Miami Beach hotels.

The full quotation follows: "Whether the orange crop is good or bad can be left to someone else, but there is no mistaking the boom in hotel building in Miami Beach. In two blocks, we counted seven large hotels in the course of construction. Since a year ago, there are at least fifteen new ones now doing business, all grouped together like bananas on the stock. The Jews are taking over most of them, and their mighty babble out front sounds like a bunch of monkeys in a cage. One hotel man here has said several times that if there was anything that would put a Jew-cure on a hotel, it was a bunch of Jews on the front porch, and that sounds logical enough."

The Greenwood News is one of the best-edited weekly papers in Indiana. Greenwood is just south of Indiana on Highway 31.

France Confiscates Property of 10 Jews

By Jewish Telegraphic Agency VICHY, France—Ten prominent members of the French Jewish community, including five members of the famous Rothschild banking family, are among 15 persons deprived of their French citizenship by the Vichy Government for having left France between June 10 and 25. Their belongings will be confiscated.

The decree issued by the government struck at the following Jews: Barons Edouard, Robert, Henri, Philippe and Maurice de Rothschild; David Weill, philanthropist and art patron; Edouard Jonas, art dealer and antiquarian; Maurice and Leon Stern, bankers, and Eli J. Bois, former editorial writer of the newspaper Le Petit Parisien.

education committee from 1896 to 1928.

"In 1894, when Dr. Gordon was 20, a school was established at 613 Fifth street north. That was the beginning of the present-day Talmud Torah. From Fifth street it was moved to Keneseth Israel synagogue at Fourth street and Sixth avenue. In 1911 the Talmud Torah building, attached to Keneseth Israel, was removed to 900 Basset place. There the institution carried on until 1915, when the present building was erected at Fremont and Eighth avenues north.

"In commenting on the Talmud Torah, Dr. Gordon said:

"In our period the Talmud Torah has adjusted itself to the American scene. It used to be a European institution on this side of the Atlantic. Early emphasis was limited to Hebrew and Zionism. It took account of the problems the young people daily faced in their American environment. That situation has been changed. Our people today are a blend of American and Jew. America is their country. And there is no inconsistency in their Americanism and their Jewishness—and their Zionism."